CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Apc034.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1600981.008
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	28 February 2017
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	27 February 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The image file consists of a series of small images taken from a video recording. It depicts a young teenage girl engaging in sexualised conduct for the camera. The purpose of the image file is to sexually arouse people with a sexual interest in girls, and it encourages this sexual interest. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.